

## Battle of the Books - Tips for Question-Makers

~Read the book from beginning to end before attempting to write questions.

~Questions must be typed in the following format:

#	Question	Title	Author	Page	Book Format
1	In which book does a character push a large cart containing two corpses?	Fever 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson	150	Hardcover

~Each question should begin with “In which book...”

~Type the title and author as they appear on the official booklist.

~Type the page number on which the answer can be found. (Type the page number only e.g., 5; **NOT**: page 5, p. 5, pg. 5, or any other variation)

~Be as brief, but as specific, as possible with wording, e.g., clear, concise, correct.

~Be grammatically correct and use present tense.

In which book does a character...

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Do not refer to “a character” and in the same questions “their” hands. Not grammatically correct...e.g., **DO NOT** ask, In which book does a **character** wear a yellow stone around **their neck**?

BETTER: In which book is a yellow stone worn around a character’s neck?

~Character names and the names of major setting locations cannot be used. Proper names of places remote to the setting can be used. Example, if the main character lives in Georgia but has always wanted to visit Italy, the question could read: “In which book does a character save money in order to be able to visit Italy?”

~Refrain from obvious questions.

~Avoid using words from the title...

Dolphin – *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

Bear – *Touching Spirit Bear*

~Use nonspecific words for obvious objects, animals, etc. (cat, dog, dragon, dolphin, rat, etc.)

~Avoid questions that can be answered by more than one title. Make the questions specific enough so that only one title is the correct answer. Example: *Touching Spirit Bear*, *The Weirdo*, and *The Golden Compass* all have bears as an integral part of the book. Bear is in the title for *Touching Spirit Bear*, so no questions with the word “bear” should be used. Any bear type questions in the other books should be VERY SPECIFIC to the book, and may even require a direct quote that distinguishes the “bear” in question.

~**MAKE SURE YOUR FORMATTED COLUMNS FIT TO ONE** PAGE (all columns can be seen on page one) using the Excel spreadsheet provided for you through an email. Also, **PLEASE PROOFREAD** your questions before sending through email as an attachment.